

RED CROSS GREAT COMFORT IN FRANCE

Fairmont Boy Serving with Stevedore Regiment Praises It.

Following is a letter written by Corporal Newton E. Smith, formerly of Fairmont, to his sister, Mrs. O. Heath, who has forwarded it to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Smith, of Grant street, this city. Corporal Smith has many friends in this city.

Co. H, 361 Stevedore Reg., Somewhere in France, March 21, 1918.

Dearest Sister:—I thought that you had forgotten that I was in France as I had not heard from you. I am well at the present time. How is everybody in Fairmont? Well, I hope. I am as wild as to see Genevieve as she is but I expect it will be a long time. Everything is going good in this country and the weather is fine. I would like to tell you a whole lot but can't.

We have a very good time over here. You wouldn't imagine the sports. We have a large Y. M. C. A. only for the colored regiment. Uncle Sam is trying to make his boys as comfortable as possible.

Well, I can't think of much this time. I am writing this just to let you hear from me.

Sister dear, the Red Cross is certainly doing good work over here and I am proud to know that you and mother are both members. You must tell mother and you yourself must not worry. That, you know, will not help a bit. Give my love to mother and tell her to remember me in her prayers. Tell Otis I said "Hello." Well good luck to all.

From your brother,
NEWTON E. SMITH.

Evening Chat

Nearly everyone in the city just now is enjoying the color fragrance of the June rose—now in bloom in a number of yards. I know a number who are watching small rose plants which were purchased from florists out of town and put in the ground in April. Most of them are getting along all right though for a while it looked as though the cold weather early in the spring would damage them. Some tiny rose bushes in the city no higher than a clothepeg are full of buds. These buds will make a bit of a flower about right for Tom Thumbs waistcoat and are just as dear as possible.

The last week has brought everything into fine growth. Nearly everyone is thoroughly enjoying the weather—though a few grouches are complaining of the frequent rain. There is that soft, heavily scented air clinging about everything which inspires healthy appetites. Birds are singing from morning till night now. The grape arbors are full of leaves. Slowly, imperceptibly and surely everything that goes to make a summer has come. A few days ago we re-

TODAY'S POEM

by Edmund Vance Cooke
(A COMMENCEMENT SONG, AS SOME HONEST GRADS WOULD SING IT.)

My high school, 'tis of thee I am about to flee,
And so I sing.
School of my parents' pride,
School where I almost died,
As soon as I'm outside,
Let freedom ring.

Thy themes of English lit.
Caused me to throw a fit
And bored me much.
Geom. and other math.
Choked me with rage and wrath;
For less love no man hath
Than I for such.

Almost old Caesar's Gaul,
Hygiene and physiol.
Made me expire.
Almost old lab. and chem.,
So long I slaved at them,
Won me a diadem
In heaven's choir.

My dear old high school prin.,
Forgive my gladness grin;
From you I fly.
For now I have my dip,
And I'm prepared to skip;
Hark to my joyous yip!
Old high! good-bye!

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marked upon buds. Now we have leaves and bloom.

A small white dog in the family—much loved—came up from the basement yesterday morning to tell us she had three tiny puppies downstairs. Of course we all went down to admire them and told her just how beautiful they were and of our joy at the addition to the family and she looked up at us out of a pair of big brown eyes which said as plain as day: "Aren't they wonderful? I knew you would be glad!" We got the man of the house to work sawing down a big box and soon we had a comfortable home made ready for her—for all of which she was grateful. Some kind neighbors suggested that we drown her puppy children and sniffed up their noses at the family demonstration over bits of white brown spotted bodies, but we were thoroughly charmed with their small puppy perfection. They sprawled around—much to the amusement of the children—but on the whole behaved unusually well. Mrs. Puppy came upstairs frequently during the next few hours to tell us of more perfections she had discovered. She ran around—making a peculiar, low sound in her throat which she uses in place of words—not staying long—running often to the door leading to the basement to see that it was still open—and at last dashing down again to her babies. She wanted to stay up and lie in her accustomed place under the dining room buffet, but the small squeak down below proved more attractive and compelling.

Since ice went up thirty-six cents

for fifty pounds, a number of people have wished for smaller refrigerators. It will cost quite a little this summer to keep food cold, but considering the fact that we seldom object to spending thirty cents for a couple of ice cream Sundaes, which disappear in still shorter space of time, we ought not to object to spending about the same amount for ice. The small wagons which the Boy Scouts are using to carry ice, cause quite a lot of comment on account of their noisiness. As a general thing, however, people are glad to get their ice delivered. It is not difficult to carry home a small piece when the ice station is near one's home—but to attempt to carry a fifty pound piece is almost out of the question. Two gentlemen attempted it on High street yesterday and not being used to the borrowed ice tongs, let it slip several times, chipping off about five cents worth each drop. Many and varied were the remarks regarding the venture they had undertaken. However, when it comes to small pieces, a woman can just as well go out to the corner with her dishpan as not. After a while it will be—"Get your dishpan," instead of "Get your market basket."

Much young talent had a chance at the Opera House yesterday and the day before. All down the street in the afternoon, one saw hair done up in poker like coils. All who had curling apparatus had curls. Many of the younger girls experienced a sprouting stage genius which will no doubt require severe measures before long. But as a whole, the entertainment in which they took part went off fine and there were many proud parents to witness the show.

On the court house lawn yesterday, folks had more fun than ever yet, trying to knock off the head of the Kaiser. The game proved a thrilling as well as remunerative one and not a little was added to Red Cross funds. One man was heard to say, "I could do this all day—it takes a lot out of my system!" There was some competitive throwing also, though modestly denied anything of the sort. Some fellows discovered they couldn't hit the side of a barn and went home to practice. One small boy spent all he had for throws and ran off saying he would be back soon with more money.

A young girl in charge of Red Cross canvassing this week said: "If you can't give me any money today, give it to me tomorrow. If you can't give it to me tomorrow, I'll be around the next day. If you already have given, give me some more." She simply would not take any excuse and nothing anyone could say convinced her in the least that it was possible to give too much.

WINFIELD.

Those calling at Charley Morley's Saturday evening were Misses Leona Mundell, Mary Hall, Olive Morgan, Wilma Hawkins, Mary Frey, Dorothy and Hamie Baker, Opal Hawkins, Marguerite Morgan, Mandie Mundell, Glenn Hawkins, Lesley Satterfield, Junior Sigler, Rollie Hawkins, Paul Morgan, Jack Rogers and Burdette Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Layman and two children were calling at William Patterson's Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Summer and children, of Fairmont, were at D. C. Baker's Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. David Carpenter were

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Miss Edna Swisher has gone to visit her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Walls, at Fairmont.

Mrs. Owen Moore has been ill for the past few days.

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